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✓ CALIFORNIA

Mariposa

Hornitos

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CAL. 22. HORNITOS

Ghirardelli's Store (Ruins)

REPRESENTED IN
NEGATIVE FILE

H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.

CAL-1526

History - D. Ghirardelli, an
Italian-born confectioner andPUBLISHED
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pioneer chocolate merchant of San Francisco and Stockton in 1852, built his Hornitos store in 1855, one of several in the Mother Lode country. Rich gold strikes at Hornitos created pressing need for general supply store. Sold out in 1858 to concentrate in San Francisco where D. Ghirardelli & Co. had started a chocolate industry in 1852. Brick upper-story was added and used as IOOF Hall. Lower floor, amusement Hall.

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DRAWINGS

Description - One and two story stone and adobe and brick building. Walls of dressed schist; one adobe wall; "an old brick building in back" "A brick upper story was added to the stone and adobe building" after Ghirardelli left for San Francisco, 1858."

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